

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

May 9, 2023

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held on this date beginning at 4:33 p.m.

**PRESENT (12)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg	District 1	Councilmember Waring <i>arrived 4:39</i>	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Bowden	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie <i>absent</i>	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Gregg

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Brady, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the April 25, 2023, Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the following bids and purchases:

**a. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:52740 AMOUNT: \$153,363.01**

Approval to purchase 100 Dell Computers as part of the City's annual PC rotation Cycle in the amount of \$153,363.01. State Contract #4400011358

**b. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT:52972 AMOUNT: \$149,040.00**

Approval to establish a contract for traffic calming devices in the amount of \$149,040.00 with Asphalt Concepts, PO Box 2503, Mt Pleasant, SC 29405 Solicitation #23-B004R.

**c. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:52036 AMOUNT: \$188,625.05**

Approval to purchase body worn cameras as part of replacement plan with extended warranty in the amount of \$188,625.05 from Hypertec Solutions Partner, 1868 E. Broadway Rd. Tempe, Az, 85282. Solicitation #21-B003R.

**d. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:58012 AMOUNT: \$167,000.00**

Approval to purchase an upgrade to the existing video management software Milestone for the City's safety & security camera system in the amount of \$167,000.00 from Sierras Construction, 190 Bellerive Lane, Summerville SC, 29483 Solicitation #19-B014R.

**4. POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2023 PORT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$796,230. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EQUIPMENT FOR THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TEAM AND DRIVE-ON DOCKS FOR HARBOR PATROL. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS HAZ-MAT RESPONSE MOBILE TRAINING PROPS AND AN UPGRADE TO THE ELECTRONICS ON MARINE VESSEL 101. THE GRANT REQUIRES A 25% CASH MATCH OF \$265,410.00 TO BE BUDGETED FOR FY2024.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to submit the 2023 Port Security Grant application for the amount of \$796,230. The Police Department requests equipment for the Explosive Device Team and drive-on docks for Harbor Patrol. The Fire Department requests Haz-Mat response mobile training props and an upgrade to the electronics on Marine Vessel 101. The grant requires a 25% cash match of \$265,410.00 to be budgeted for FY2024.

**5. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF AN OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS (OWIP) AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,052.50 FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF EXISTING OVERHEAD LINES IN THE AREA SURROUNDING 220 NASSAU STREET.**

Councilmember Gregg asked how many homes or residences the item would serve.

Mr. Frohlich said it was going to service the Archer School, which was being redeveloped for affordable housing and would not impact any private homes.

Councilmember Parker asked if there was a budget of what the total price would be for undergrounding.

Mr. Frohlich asked if she was referring to the project or generally speaking.

Councilmember Parker said generally speaking.

Mr. Frohlich said it was part of the franchise fee agreement with Dominion. He said the amount that they currently had was in the millions. There was a process that was recently changed for how projects got into the queue. The change in the ordinance would allow projects to move forward more quickly. He said part of the issue had been that the ordinance would get the project to the design phase but never to a construction phase. With it being difficult to get to the construction phase, money has built up in that fund. He said it was the first project under the new language in the ordinance. There was now a dedicated Capital Projects Manager specifically for those non-standard service fund projects.

Vice Chairman Seekings said it would be helpful to get a report out now that there was a Capital Projects Manager.

Councilmember Gregg said he looked at the scope of work that was being done and it seemed like it would be capable of serving more than just one location, he just wanted to understand.

Mayor Tecklenburg said there were 89 units in the Archer School redevelopment but the four blocks surrounding Archer were residences that would be impacted.

Councilmember Parker asked if the residents would incur costs.

Mr. Frohlich said under the former petition method they incurred about 15% of the cost but under the new model in the ordinance there was no citizen cost associated with it.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval of an Other Work in Progress (OWIP) Agreement with Dominion Energy in the amount of \$410,052.50 for the undergrounding of existing overhead lines in the area surrounding 220 Nassau Street.

**6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252,087 FROM FEMA THROUGH SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ELEVATE 2 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES SUBJECT TO REPETITIVE FLOODING. LOCAL MATCH OF \$84,029 WILL BE PAID BY HOMEOWNERS. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted for the approval to enter into a grant agreement and to accept the grant award in the amount of \$252,087 from FEMA through SC Emergency Management Division to elevate 2 residential structures subject to repetitive flooding. Local match of \$84,029 will be paid by homeowners. Councilmember Shealy was not present to vote.

**7. RECREATION: APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,647.50 TO PURCHASE MEALS TO BE SERVED DURING THE SUMMER FOR CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM. FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE SC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AS THE LOCAL SPONSORING AGENCY.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted for the approval of the contract between the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District in the amount of \$26,647.50 to purchase meals to be served during the summer for children who participate in the school free/reduced lunch program. Councilmember Shealy was not present to vote.

**8. RECREATION: AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFER THE USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE JUNE 12TH AND THE FUNDING WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE SC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AS THE LOCAL SPONSORING AGENCY. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted for the approval to submit a grant application to offer the USDA Summer Food Service Program. The effective date will be June 12th and the funding will be provided through the SC Department of Education to the City of Charleston as the local sponsoring agency. Councilmember Shealy was not present to vote.

**9. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO NOTIFY USACE OF THE CITY'S INTEREST IN ACTING AS THE LOCAL SPONSOR FOR A \$5,000,000 APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO REHABILITATE BRICK ARCHES FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE WITH A 75% FEDERAL AND 25% LOCAL COST SHARE IF THE APPROPRIATION REQUEST IS APPROVED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted for the approval to notify USACE of the City's interest in acting as the Local Sponsor for a \$5,000,000 appropriation request to rehabilitate brick arches for stormwater drainage with a 75% Federal and 25% local cost share if the appropriation request is approved. Councilmember Shealy was not present to vote.

**10. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE HOTEL OVERNIGHT PARKING RATE FROM \$20 TO \$30 AND AN INCREASE TO THE CORRESPONDING LOST TICKET FEE FROM \$30 TO \$50, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.**

Mayor Tecklenburg said the consideration for the lost ticket fee was that the fee applied to everyone not just hotel visitors. He said they agreed that they would raise the parking fee overnight in garages for hotel visitors from \$20.00 to \$30.00. They could not distinguish between the lost ticket fee for a hotel visitor versus a citizen who might be from the City. He said he felt \$60.00 was onerous because the fee right now was \$30.00, so they decided to raise it to \$50.00 for everyone that loses a ticket.

Councilmember Brady said they asked for the number of lost tickets which he believed was around 6,200 in 2022. He said if it stayed on that trend with the increase in price, it would generate a revenue boost.

Councilmember Bowden asked if there was any conversation during the Traffic and Transportation meeting about being able to present an ID and paying a lower parking rate.

Vice Chairman Seekings said no.

Councilmember Parker said there was discussion of people abusing the lost ticket rate and parking for extended periods of time. She said they asked for a report that could show which garages had the biggest offenders.

Vice Chairman Seekings said one thing that they did not currently have in the parking garages were license plate recognition and up to the minute, hour, and day reports on cars that were there. He said they suspected that a number of the lost tickets were not someone who happened to lose their ticket that day, but they may have lost it weeks earlier.

Councilmember Parker asked if there was a process already in place if somebody wanted to challenge a lost ticket.

Mr. Frohlich said normally if someone had lost their ticket they would pull up to the automated machine and push the button to notify the command center they had lost their ticket. They would let them know what the fee was and process it through the machine for them to pay and exit. He said if they wanted to challenge it, they could seek a refund through the parking contract manager ABM, which would then route it to Peter Rascoe and himself for reviewing.

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Sakran, the Committee on Ways and Means voted for the approval as amended, to accept to increase the hotel overnight parking rate from \$20 to \$30 and an increase to the corresponding lost ticket fee from \$30 to \$50, effective July 1, 2023. Councilmember Mitchell voted nay.

**11. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8TH, 2023, AT 3:30 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)**

- a. Authorization for the Mayor to accept on behalf of the City an Exclusive and Permanent Sidewalk Easement from the County of Charleston along a portion of TMS# 424-00-00-003 for a sidewalk along Country Club and Folly Roads. [Ordinance]
- b. Authorization for the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston, a permanent utility easement and any other documents necessary to grant such an easement to the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston, South Carolina over a portion of the right-of-way for Doughty Street. [Ordinance]
- c. Request approval for the use of First Scots Presbyterian Church by the Piccolo Spoleto Festival's L'Organo series.
- d. Please consider the following annexations:
  - (i). 2244 South Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-049), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Thomas and Sue Dority.
  - (ii). 1080 Bees Ferry Road (approximately 1.0 acre) (a portion of TMS# 287-00-00-219), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston.
  - (iii). 2916 Doncaster Drive (.28 acre) (TMS# 358-10-00-123), West Ashley, (District 10). The property is owned by Jared Parcell.
  - (iv). 2237 South Dallerton Circle (.27 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-056), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Robert Branson.
  - (v). 2205 North Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-032), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by John Maynard.
  - (vi). 1742 West Avalon Circle (.20 acre) (TMS# 352-13-00-244), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by Danielle Scott.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, said Item A was for an acceptance of an easement for a sidewalk that Charleston County was building. It was along Folly

Road near McLeod Plantation. There would be various other intersection improvements in that location. The item was approved.

Item B was granting a utility easement to CPW for a water line that already existed. The item was approved.

Item C was approved, for the request to use the First Scots Presbyterian Church for a Piccolo Spoleto L'Organo series.

Item D was for six annexations, five of which were residential and the other at 1080 Bees Ferry Road. The item was approved.

On a motion of Councilmember Appel, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Real Estate report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance authorization for Mayor to accept on behalf of the City an exclusive and permanent sidewalk easement from the County of Charleston along a portion of TMS# 424-00-00-003 for a sidewalk along Country Club and Folly Roads*

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, a permanent utility easement and any other documents necessary to grant such an easement to the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston, South Carolina over a portion of the right-of-way for Doughty Street.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2244 South Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 3100700049), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Thomas and Sue Dority.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1080 Bees Ferry Road (approximately 1.0 acre) (a portion of TMS# 2870000219), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2916 Doncaster Drive (.28 acre) (TMS# 3581000123), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 10. The property is owned by Jared Parcell.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2237 South Dallerton Circle (.27 acre) (TMS# 3100700056), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Robert Branson.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2205 North Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 3100700032), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by John Maynard.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1742 West Avalon Circle (.20 acre) (TMS# 3521300244), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 9. The property is owned by Danielle Scott.*

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Brittany Pinckney  
Assistant Clerk of Council